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HANOI REPORTS U.S. BOMBING, MINING HALT

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(TEXT) U.S. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ZIEGLER ON 15 JANUARY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD ANNOUNCED A CESSATION OF ALL OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THE BOMBING, ARTILLERY SHELLING AND MINING IN THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY.

THE CESSATION OF THE BOMBING, SHELLING AND MINING OF DRV HARBORS REPRESENTS A LEGITIMATE DEMAND BY OUR PEOPLE, A DEMAND THAT HAS ENJOYED THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE PEACE- AND JUSTICE-LOVING WORLD PUBLIC. THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS ON MANY OCCASIONS HAVE TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY STOPPED THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE DRV AND SUBSEQUENTLY RESUMED THE BOMBARDMENT IN AN EVEN MORE VIOLENT WAY.

WHILE THE AMERICANS STILL PERSIST IN STEPPING UP THE WAR OF AGGRESSION IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF OUR COUNTRY AND IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS, OUR PEOPLE CONSTANTLY HEIGHTEN THEIR VIGILANCE AND COMBAT READINESS, PERSEVERE IN THEIR STRUGGLE ON THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC FRONTS AND DEMAND THAT THE AMERICANS STOP THEIR WAR OF AGGRESSION AND IMMEDIATELY SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM.

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